

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Anti-Drought Plan for Bundelkhand
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a long term plan to emancipate Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh from the continuous drought, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government is considering any scheme to promote cattle-breeding among the farmers of Bundelkhand as an additional source of income, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The Central Government approved a Special Package on 19.11.2009 for implementing Drought Mitigation Strategies in Bundelkhand region at a cost of Rs.7266 crore (comprising Rs.3506 crore for Uttar Pradesh and Rs.3760 crore for Madhya Pradesh). The Government further approved on 19.5.2011 an Additional Central Assistance (ACA) of Rs.200 crore (Rs.100 crore each for Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh) to provide drinking water in Bundelkhand region.

Out of the total ACA of Rs.3760 crore provided to Madhya Pradesh, Rs.2169.37 crore has been released till March 2015. An amount of Rs.405.58 crores was further released to Madhya Pradesh by the Central Government on 21st March, 2016.

(b): In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States to promote cattle and buffalo breeding as an additional source of income among the farmers Government of India has been implementing following schemes in the country including Bundelkhand region:-

- (i) National Programme for Bovine Breeding & Dairy Development (NPBBDD).
- (ii) Rashtriya Gokul Mission as a part of NPBBDD.
- (iii) National Dairy Plan – I.
- (iv) Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme.
